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Subscribed by the Lord Major and Aldermen of *York*, By the high Sheriff and very many Knights, Esquires, and Gentlemen of good quality.

With the manner of their taking the *Protestation*, before they subscribed the *Petition*.

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To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses assembled in Parliament,

The humble Petition of the Knights, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other the Inhabitants in the County and Citie of Yorke,

Sheweth,

THat your Petitioners do with all thankfulnesse acknowledge and resent the benefit of those good Lawes which you have already provided for us, as most seasonable and precious fruits of your pious and prudent consultations, As also of that most happy and re-united Peace betwixt us and *Scotland*, our Neighbour Nation, and the blessed care you have lately taken both to relieve our distressed Brethren in *Ireland*, and to put the Town of *Hull* (the chief strength of our County) into such an hand, as for his integrity we have good cause to confide in; As also to

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purge the House of Peeres of the Prelats votes (a mayne obstruction to your happy undertakings) And having received so much refreshment from you in our so important Concernments, do take boldnesse to represent our humble requests.

That your pious care for the further reliefe of our distressed Brethren in *Ireland*, may be continued, and your wise resolutions thereupon put into speedy execution.

That this whole Kingdome may speedily be put into a Military posture of Defence both by Sea and Land.

That the Composition of Recusants (with which his Majesty rests satisfied) being paid, the residue of their lands and goods forfeited by the Statute may be disposed of, aswell for the safety of defensible Ports and places in this Kingdome, as also for settling and mayntaining necessary Guards over the houses of papists and popishly affected persons.

That the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacie may be impartially and speedily tendred to all papists and popishly affected persons whatsoever, according to the Statute in that case provided.

That the Laws against Priests and Iesuits may be fully executed, and that some present course may be directed for the disarming and confining of papists to their owne houses, or else that some of the principall & most dangerous spirits of them in every County, may be as cautions for the peaceable deportment of the rest committed to the custody of trusty persons in some places of safety, if to your wisdoms it shall seem meet. And that such may be deputed for these services as are not to be suspected to use any forbearance

rance therein. As alſo that ſuch as are convicted Recuſants, ſome ſpeedy courſe may be taken againſt them, either by the preſent Laws in force, or otherwiſe as ſhall ſeem beſt to your wiſdoms, that they may not be left ſo full handed, and ſo readily prepared upon all occaſions to manage either their owne, or the Deſignes of others, to our ſo eminent and continuall danger.

That the Votes of popiſh Peeres and others comming in by proxie, being ſo apparant a Grievance may be redreſſed, which are found not only prejudiciall to the wiſeſt reſults of your conſultations, but alſo affords them liberty and opportunity to act and encourage the promoting the popiſh Cauſe in the Kingdome.

And becauſe that to the making of a more ſucceſſfull paſſage to the accompliſhment of all theſe our ſo important concernments, it will be eſpecially available, that matters in Religion be chiefly regarded: We therefore humbly deſire that all ſuch impediments as may hinder the progreſſe thereof may be removed.

Amongſt which wee ranke in the firſt place ſcandalous Miniſters, as alſo places unprovided of ſuch maintenance as is competent for perſons of better endowments. Humbly beſeeching that for the remedy of both theſe, you will be pleaſed to purſue your former pious intentions, as alſo that Ceremoniall burdens may be removed, and religion ſetled in ſuch a way, that ſuch as make all conſcience obediently to ſubmit to Magiſtracie and civill authoritie in every degree and latitude of it, both ſupreme and ſubordinate may not ſuffer under any penaltie

meerely and only for conſcience ſake.

And foraſmuch as theſe our Counties have undergone very great damage by the billeted ſouldiers which now they are leſſe able to ſuſteine then before, by reaſon of the Manufactury trades of our Countrey daily decaying, which we viſibly diſcern not only tending much to the preſent impoveriſhing of a great number of Families, whoſe maintenance and livelihood hath beene hitherto wholly ſupported upon that Foundation, which being not prevented may prove to bee of dangerous Conſequence, but alſo to the weakening of the eſtates of Farmers and others, becauſe the benefit of Woolls and other Commodities of our Countrey do much depend upon the proſpering of theſe foreſaid Trades of Manufacture: Wee therefore humbly deſire that you would be pleaſed to direct ſuch Courſe, whereby conſiderable ſatisfaction may be made (for what reſts unpaid) to ſuch of our Countries as have been by the ſaid billeted ſouldies thus endamaged,

That this Honourable Houſe would bee pleaſed to move the well-affected Lords, and they and you both joyne in ſupplication to his Majeſty, that his Majeſty would diſcover, and nominate who thoſe evill Councellours were that adviſed to thoſe unparalall'd breaches of the priviledges of Parliament in charching thoſe worthy members in ſo illegall a way, and that were any occaſion ſo long to remorate the reliefe of our diſtreſſed brethren in *Ireland*, to the end they may be brought to condigne puniſhment: And in caſe his Majeſty ſhall not declare who they be, that then you your ſelves would be pleaſed to endevour to find out and declare who

in your judgement have beene the Contrivers and Fomentors of those evill counsels.

And being confidently assured of your readinesse to answer our desires, as in other things, so especially to further the Military posture of the Kingdome, we humbly tender it to your consideration, that for the speedy safetie of our owne Countrey, both against any homebred Commotion or forraigne invasion, we are ready and willing at our owne charge for three Moneths next ensuing to maintaine and billet three hundred of our bond of Horse, and three thousand of our private Train-bond of foot, in some most convenient places of the severall Ridings of our said County (concerning which we have more particularly expressed our intendments in a schedule hereunto annexed) to be in readinesse upon all occasions, if in your wisedomes it shall be approved of: And if so our most humble desire is, the way may receive Countenance and confirmation by some Order from your honourable House.

And lastly, that such things may be atchieved as are worthy of the excellent wisedomes and paintfull labours of such noble instruments, whom unto our great rejoycing of heart wee evidently discerne to be so faithfully and indefatigably studious for the publique weale of this Nation: Wee therefore for the better accomplishment of your Honourable endevours, and for our more compleat enjoyment of the precious fruits thereof, Most humbly desire that the high Court of Parliament (of the infringement of the liberties whereof we are very sensible, & which in all your just and honourable wayes wee shall be ready to our utmost abilities to assist against the ene-

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mies of God, the King & State) may in all the power and priviledges of it be inviolably maintained.

And your Petitioners shall daily pray, &c.

Subscribed by Sir *Tho. Gower* Sheriffe.

Sir *Math. Boynton.*
Sir *Tho. Fairefaxe.*
Sir *Io. Bourchier.*
Sir *William Fairefaxe.*
Sir *Jo. Ramsden.*
Sir *Arthur Robinson.*
Sir *Tho. Gower* senior.
Sir *Hugh Bethell.*
Sir *Jo. Savile.*
Sir *Marmaduke Langdale.*
Sir *Edward Rodes.*
Sir *Richard Darlye:*
Sir *Jo. Goodricke*, & ali. *Mil.*

And by 50. Esquires, and divers Gentlemen, and others of qualitie, and by *Edmund Cooper*, Lord Major of the City of *Yorke*, aud by the Aldermen of that City.

Before the subscription to which Petition the High Sheriffe first tooke the Protestation, and all the Knights and Gentlemen in order after him, and afterwards agreed, (if the dangers increased, and the Parliament so approved thereof) to Muster 3000. Foot, and 300. Horse, to be kept for six weekes in such parts of that County as might most conduce for the safetie thereof, and sent the proposition thereof unto the Parliament by *Hen. Bethell* Esquire, who was employed by that County to present this Petition to the house of Commons, and two more, one to his Majestie, and another to the House of Peeres.

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